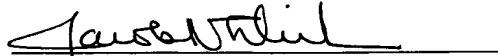




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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2004, please consider the following amendment in this Application and consider the following Remarks that place this Application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amended Drawing is attached after page 14.